**Biology 361 - Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles**
**2017 Class Application**
Applications accepted Oct. 14 - November 14, 2016

**Instructions:** *Submit your application hard copy, in person to Ann Somers in 310 Sullivan Science Bldg., UNCG Campus. Fall 2016 office hours are M & W 8:30-10:30 a.m. or by appointment. Include a photograph of yourself alone.*  *Notification regarding admission will be by email, no later than December 1st.*

*Include a check for $250 with your application made out to UNCG Biology. It will not be cashed unless you are accepted and will be applied toward the cost of the course* (also see NOTES at the end of this application).

**Cost:** *It**is impossible to predict fuel costs and airfare costs this far ahead of time, therefore the total cost of the course is not known at this time (in 2015 the total cost was ~ $2500). We make every effort to keep costs down. Financial aid is available through the financial aid office.*

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**Grade level:** FR SO JR SR Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Major:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Overall GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**GPA in Major**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **UNCG ID** Number (last 4): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Gender:** F M Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Contact** Name & Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**UNCG Email Address**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**School Snail Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Home Address (if different):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you speak any Spanish?** y\_\_\_ n\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe your level of fluency in Spanish (Spanish is not a requirement):

**Fitness:**Student should walk a measured distance of 4 miles (one option is to go to the student health center and time yourself on the treadmill).  Record the date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, distance (should be 4 miles) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and your time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ***Purpose:*** *Four miles is approximately the distance we walk each night on the beach, in the dark, in Costa Rica. Many students have never, ever walked 4 miles under any conditions, so applicants must be clear about what is expected. There is no minimum time required, just walk the 4 miles so you know the distance accurately and have an idea of your own speed.*

**Biology Courses Completed.** Include number, name, and grade for each, and where taken if you are a transfer student (may overlap with those listed in next section - if so, don't include twice).  If you have only had one college biology course, then list high school courses in biology. Include other pertinent courses as you wish.

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**Other Ecology, ENV, or Relevant Courses** (include course number, name, and grade for each):
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**REFERENCES:** Two recommendations are required. One from a faculty member in your department, and another from a faculty member or a work reference.When requesting a recommendation, ask the reference to include: a) how they know you; b) your ability to work in a team (if they know); c) your ability to accept constructive criticism; d) to what degree they would recommend you, and e) anything else they deem important for me to know.

1. **Scholarly Reference**. Choose **a** or **b** below. If you are a biology major or an ENV major, one recommendation must be from choice a below. If you are not a biology major or are a recent transfer

Student, see**Alternate Primary Reference** (choice **b** below).

1. UNCG Biology Department Faculty or Aaron Allen (ENV studies)*. UNCG Biology faculty and Dr. Allen may* ***simply call Somers (334-4978) and leave a message****.* ***A formal letter is not necessary****.*
2. **Alternate Primary Reference.** *If you are not biology major or are a recent transfer, please request a recommendation from a faculty member of your major department at UNCG or from the institution you transferred from.* ***A written letter is required.***

**Reference** **#1.** Name, Affiliation and Phone #

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1. **Scholarly or Work Reference.** *The other reference can be another faculty member or a work reference. If you are not asking a Biology Department faculty member or Aaron Allen from Environmental Studies for a recommendation, you will need two written letters.*

**Reference #2.** Name, Affiliation and Phone #

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**On a separate sheet of paper answer each of the following (typed). Include name and date at the top of the page. Write the question number with the answer:**
1. What type of outdoor or field experience do you have (if any)?
2. What types of conservation work have you done (if any)?
3.  How did you find out about this course?
4. What are your career goals?
5.  In a short essay describe why you want to take this course and what you think you will do with the knowledge gained from this experience. Include information about any previous work in education or conservation or future plans along those lines.  *How will you take what you learn in this course and make a difference in the world?*

**NOTES:**

* **Potential applicants should try to attend ONE of the interest meetings in the Fall of 2016** to learn about the course and ask questions, both sessions will cover the same material. Meetings will be on October 12, 2016 at 3 p.m. in Rm 227 Sullivan Science and Oct. 25th at 11 a.m. in Rm 310 Eberhart Building. When you prepare your spring schedule, prepare as if you will or will not be accepted into the course (you decide), but be ready with Plan B if the outcome differs from what you planned.
* **Your application check will NOT be deposited until you are accepted.** If you are accepted, the money will be counted as partial payment for the cost of the course. If not, you may pick up your check in the Biology Office.
* **UNCGenie will have the course listed as having 0 enrollment throughout the enrollment period.**  All students accepted into the course will be added by Ann Somers. You will receive instructions via email.
* **The cost of the course is not known at this time.** A travel agent will be handling the money for the Costa Rican portion of the course and a deposit will be due in late winter. Final payment will be due sometime in early spring.  Students may get together and travel in Costa Rica **after** the course work has been completed, not before.
* **Graduating in spring 2017?** You may still take the course. Grades are assigned at the end of the semester so students may graduate on time. You are still expected to travel to Costa Rica with the class in August.